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MEMORANDUM FOR: Chairman, Security Committee
United States Intelligence Board

SUBJECT : Request for CIA Report on
Risk of Capture Program

REFERENCE : Memorandum for Chairman, Security
Committee, USIB, from Personnel Travel
Restriction Ad hoc Working Group Chairman
dtd 3 July 1974, Same Subject

1. Reference recommended that the Security Committee authorize and direct its CIA Member to request preparation of a report on the CIA Risk of Capture Program. Following your relay of this recommendation to me, I asked our Office of Medical Services to take the necessary action to comply with the request. [redacted] of the Office of Medical Services has prepared a report designed to meet reference request. This report was subsequently circulated to other elements of the Agency for comment and revisions were incorporated consonant with suggestions offered.

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2. Attached is the product of this effort. It is divided into two parts:

a. An explanation of the rationale under the current CIA Risk of Capture Program.

b. An outline of the relevant portions of our own briefing program put into the format of a typical briefing for United States officials traveling abroad.

3. While we feel that the attachment represents an accurate, formal statement of both the general philosophies and most of the specifics of the approach to this subject

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which the Agency has evolved over the years, we believe that prudence dictates against general circulation of the report throughout the Intelligence Community where different perspectives could lead to misapplication of the general principles cited, no matter how sound or valid they may be from our own standpoint. For this reason, we suggest that its use be limited to background purposes in the pursuit of the Ad hoc Working Group's basic tasking.



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CIA Member
USIB Security Committee

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